AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

As will be appreciated by one of skill in the art, the present invention may be embodied as a method, data processing system, and/or computer program product. Accordingly, the present invention may take the form of an entirely hardware embodiment, an entirely software embodiment or an embodiment combining software and hardware aspects all generally referred to herein as a "circuit" or "module." Furthermore, the present invention may take the form of a computer program product on a computer-usable storage medium having computer-usable program code embodied in the medium. Any suitable computer readable medium may be utilized including hard disks, CD-ROMs, optical storage devices, ~~a transmission media such as those supporting the Internet or an intranet,~~ or magnetic storage devices.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

The event server 315 is the conduit between the event sources 305, 306, 307 and the consumers 330, 331, 332. The event server 315 receives the common event format representations of the populated common base event objects (or populated base event objects) 345, 346, 347 from the event emitter objects 310, 311, 312 and stores the common format representations of the populated common base event objects 345, 346, 347 in, for example, a persistent data store 320 at the event server 315. Consumers 330, 331, 332 may query the event server 315 to obtain source specific status information 361, 362, 363 contained in the events and may use the source specific status information 361, 362, 363 to diagnose and/or fix problems in the system.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 26 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now to FIG. 4, a diagram of fields of an event 400 according to some embodiments of the present invention will be discussed. As illustrated in FIG. 4, the source specific situation information may be provided in a series of fields. The event fields 400 may include an identification of the component reporting the status (Reporting ID 402), an identification of the component about which the status is reported (Component ID 404), an identification of the situation category that identifies the status of the component (Situation Category 406), and/or a date and/or time stamp 408. The event fields 400 provided in FIG. 4 are provided for exemplary purposes only and, therefore, embodiments of the present invention should not be limited to this configuration.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

For example, an event source may populate the situation category field 406 with an error message 200, which indicates a disk drive failure at the source. The content handler object may determine if the situation category field 406 including the error message 200 conforms to a predefined event format. If the situation category field 406 does not conform, the content handler object may standardize the error message, for example, the error message 200 may be replaced with the words "disk drive failure." Thus, anytime an event source experiences a disk drive failure, the situation category field 406 of the common event format representation of the common base event reporting the failure may include the words disk drive failure.